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CARL, THE COWARD.

One evening in June, 186-, three young men were seated about a campfire in the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado. They were Harry Purdy, Charlie Cassidy and Mart Maynard, and were three of a party of five who had come from eastern Kansas on a hunting and trapping expedition. The other two members were Carl Carrol and the famous old hunter and guide, Kit Carson.

At that time the Indians were not on the warpath so much as they had been, but were not to be trusted, and Kit kept a sharp lookout for them. Had his companions been old hunters, the veteran Indian-fighter would have felt no fears whatever; but the four were youths of sixteen to nineteen years, and he thought it necessary to be careful. The boys were fearless, however, and Kit knew they would fight, if brought to the pinch.

There was one thing, however: The had gotten it into their heads that Carl was a coward. Their reason for thinking so was because he was afraid of the dark. He would not venture outside the confines of the camp after nightfall, for any consideration-at any rate he had refused to do so thus far.

Carl's companions had laughed at him, often, for this-that is, the boys had. The old scout had not. He had listened to the jeering remarks of the three youths in silence, and had looked studying him. What he thought about the matter was not apparent, until this evening of which we write, when he came into camp and heard the three youths planning to "scare Carl out of his boots, and cure him of his foolishness,"as they expressed it. Then Kit declared himself.

"You can go ahead and try your plan, if you like," he said, "but you will find you have made a mistake. Carl is no coward."

"You wait and see!" laughed Harry Purdy. "If we can get him away from the camp after dark, we'll lay for him and scare him half to death as he comes back. 'Sh! Here he comes now." Carl was a handsome, fair-haired, blue-eyed youth of seventeen years, and he entered the camp, whistling cheerily.

"Hello! All here ahead of me, eh?" he cried. "And supper's ready. Good! I'm hungry as a bear." The boys exchanged glances, but said

nothing, and supper was eaten almost Nothing was said until darkness had come, and then Harry spoke up:

"That's terrible about that family being cooped up in the old stone cabin over in Miller's basin, isn't it?" he said soberly.

"It is, for a fact," assented Charlie Cassidy.

Carl was interested at once. "What family is that?" he asked. Luxurious Equipment, Artistic Furnishing, . . Decoration and Efficient Service

"A family bound for California," said Harry. "They are in that old stone cabin-you know where it issurrounded by Indians. There's a man, his wife and two children, a boy and "How do you know this?" Carl

asked. "The boy was here a few minutes ago. He escaped and sapped through

the Indians' lines. He has gone back to the fort for help." Carl leaped to his feet and seized his

"What are you going to do?" asked "What am I going to do?" repeated

Carl, his teeth set, his lips compressed; "why, kin going to the assistance of that family!" "But you can do them no good, and will lose your own life," said Charlie.

"There are a hundred Indians!" "I don't care if there are a thousand!" cried Carl. "I'm going, and I'm ashamed of you for not having gone at once! Suppose it were your father, mother and sister! How would you feel? Come and go with me."

The boys shook their heads. "No," said Harry. "We can't afford to throw our lives away. If you go, you will have to go alone." "All right!" said Carl. "I am going.

Good-bye!" and, turning, he left the camp and disappeared in the darkness.

Kit Carson looked at the boys, and

"What did I tell you?" he said quiet-"He has more genuine 'sand' than the three of you put together."
The boys winced, and looked nettled.

"I don't believe it," declared Charlie Cassidy. "He'll be back in a few minutes, scared half to death." "I think not," said Kit; "and if I

were you, I would give up waylaying As mad as a March hare, as strong as and trying to frighten him. He will shoot, if you do, and some of you will get hurt.' The boys decided that this was good advice; so they remained at the camp,

waiting and listening for the return

Three-quarters of an hour passed As dead as a door nail, as white as a and still no signs of the return of Carl. The boys began to feel uneasy, and when, away to the southwest, sounded the muffled reports of a Winchester, one after another, at unequal intervals,

they became wildly excited. "It's Carl!" they cried. been attacked by Indians! Oh, Kit! let us go to his assistance at once!" The old scout had arisen to his feet

at the sound of the first report, and was examining his weapons." "Come." he said." we will see what the trouble is," and he struck out in the direction of the stone cabin, fol-

lowed by the three youths. Carl knew where the old cabin was, and he headed for it, and walked as rapidly as possible.

It was about two miles distant, and Carl was nearly three-quarters of an hour in reaching it. He was careful in approaching, and stole through the timber noiseless as a shadow. He reached the door of the cabin, and ounded on it gently, so as to not make a noise that could be heard any great distance.

"Who is there?" came in a woman roice from within. "A friend," replied Carl. "Open the door."

"Thank Heaven!" he heard the woman say, and then a wild whoop rent the atmosphere, and a volley of rifleshots sounded, the bullets rattling about like rain!

The Indians had discovered Carl! Before another volley could be fired the door opened, and the boy leaped nto the room beyond. Then he closed the door and barred it. None too soon, either. The next instant crash came some heavy body against the door, jar-

ring it terribly! Carl glanced about him. On the floor, badly wounded, was a man. The woman was trying to staunch the flow of blood from the man's wounds, while in one corner was a little girl, crying in three boys, Harry, Charlie and Mart, a heart-broken way. Carl had no time to see more. He must turn his attention to fighting off the Indians.

He did so, and made such a lively fight that the red demons were kept off till Kit Carson and the boys arrived, and they opened upon the scoundrels with such deadly effect as to drive them from the vicinity in disor-

The lives of the members of the little family were saved. The trick the boys had tried to play-for they did at Carl in a searching manner, as if not know the family was in the old cabin-had operated well. The family was on its way to Arizona, had been attacked by the Indians, driven to the shelter of the old cabin, and they would have been murdered in cold blood but for the opportune arrival of Carl.

The man was not mortally wounded, and the family stayed at the camp until he got well, before proceeding on their journey.

The three boys never called Carl a coward again.

Where Pins Go.

Every individual who lives to grow up has in all probability asked, at some time in his life, what becomes of all the pins that are manufactured and lost, says Harper's Bazar. An old gentleman in London has prepared himself to answer the question. By a series of experiments conducted in his back garden he has discovered that they go the way of all flesh and are resolved into dust. Hair pins which he watched for 154 days, disappeared at the end of that time, having been resoived into a ferrous oxide, a brownish rust, which was blown away by the wind as it formed; bright pins took nearly eighteen months to disappear; polished steel needles nearly two years and a half; brass pins had but little endure ance; steel pins at the end of fifteen months had nearly gone, while their wooden holders were still intact. Pencils, with which he also experimented, suffered little by exposure; the lead was unharmed and the cedar almost as good as new, but, then, nobody has ever asked the question about pencils and he might have spared himself his pains.

Riviera Newspaper.

A daily English newspaper is to be started in the Riviera. About a quarter of a million people visit the Riviera during the winter months, and of these at least a third are English or Americans, who heretofore were forced to send to Paris for newspapers in their own language. The new publication will be called the Riviera Daily.

A Boston Landmark.

Fancuil Hall has fallen into such a dilapidated condition that a guard has been stationed on the second floor of the building to warn visitors away from weak spots in the flooring and to keep them from leaning against the rotten posts that support the gallery. The building is soon to be reconstructed.

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a private interview. If you have any thing to say, you can let'er go right Now, what is it?' "I-I wanter the loan of a quarter, sir," stammered the man.

"Oh, you did! And you wanted a private interview to ask me that?" "Yes, sir. I knew that it would hurt both our feelings if I were refused in public-yours because you couldn't atford to loan me the money and mine because I couldn't get it. Can you grant my request sir?"

"No. sir." "And does it hurt your feelings?" "Not a bit. You are mistaken on that point"

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